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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-30-08

SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 574

SHORT TITLE Luna College Basketball Program SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 573

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Luna Community College (LCC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 574 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the Higher Education Department to fund the Rough Riders Baseball Program at Luna Community College.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

A request was submitted by Luna Community College in the amount of \$129,700 to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review. The Department's funding recommendation for FY09 is a continuance of FY08 recurring funding in the amount of \$10,000.

The HED's evaluation table of FY09 Research and Public Service Projects provided to the LFC classifies this project as a "does not fit within HED priorities for Higher Education" project.

Reasons for this classification decision are not provided. (LFC Report 07-20, Higher Education Department Review of Selected Research and Public Service Projects, January 12, 2008, Table 4, p73.)

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

LCC states that this is the third community college in NM to provide baseball athletics for NM high schools. This is the only community college in the northern part of the state to provide baseball in the north. Therefore it provides opportunities for high school graduates to play junior college baseball and stay within the state of NM.

According to the HED:

Luna Community College began its athletic department in 2006. Rough Riders is the name of the LCC baseball team. The team plays 57 games in the spring and 20 games in the fall. Roughly a quarter of the games played are outside of the state in various cities in Arizona, Colorado, and Texas. Ninety-four percent of the players on the team are from New Mexico. The Rough Rider baseball team does not belong to a particular conference, they are considered independent.

Funds will be used for:

- the coaching staff,
- recruitment,
- umpires,
- equipment (gloves, bats, uniforms, ice packs, tape)
- travel (hotels, buses, meals)
- drug tests,
- field improvements,
- coaching clinics

### **RELATIONSHIP**

House Bill 574 is related to HB 573 which appropriates \$145,000 to the Luna Community College softball program.

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The Bill Locator Title references the basketball team. The bill text references the baseball team.

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